





## Common Low-Maintenance House Plants

Plant Name ( <i>Scientific</i> , common)	Image(s)	Water Needs	Light Needs	Misc. Info.
<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> , Mother-in-Law's Tongue, Snake Plant		Very low	Low	Cactus/Succulent family; Poisonous if ingested; Toxic to cats/dogs*
<i>Zamioculcas zamiifolia</i> , ZZ Plant		Very low	Medium- Bright	Tropical/tender perennial; Poisonous if ingested; Toxic to cats/dogs*
<i>Epipremnum aureum</i> , Pothos		Low (Don't overwater!)	Any	Poisonous if ingested; Can start a new plant from clippings! Toxic to cats/dogs*
<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i> , Pony Tail Palm		Low (Don't overwater!)	Medium- Bright	Tropical/tender perennial; Non-toxic to cats/dogs*
Various Dracaenas		Medium	Medium- Bright	Many different varieties to choose from; different shapes, sizes, colors, etc.; Toxic to cats/dogs*

\*<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>



## How To Make a Terrarium

### Supplies

- Clear container
- Clay gravel
- Charcoal
- Potting mix
- Mini trowel
- Plant(s)
- Long-handled tweezers or a fork
- Sheet moss
- Spray bottle
- Long-handled sponge
- Miniature object (optional)
- Brush

### Choosing Your Container

- Choose a container made from glass or another clear material through which light can pass
- Your container needs a large enough opening to allow potting mix and plants to pass through (a funnel can be used for potting media)
- Ability to close if using tropicals, keep open for succulents
- Clean container thoroughly before use to prevent bacteria growing inside



### Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Add a layer of gravel ~1 ¼ in. deep to the bottom of your terrarium.
2. Add a layer of charcoal ~ ½-¾ in. deep on top of the gravel.
3. Fill your terrarium with ~2-2 ¼ in. of potting mix. Smooth out and make a hole for each plant using a mini trowel.
4. Use tweezers or a fork to position plants in holes. Firm down plants to anchor them in potting mix and pat down exposed potting mix with the fork.
5. Break off pieces of sheet moss to cover exposed potting mix. Gently firm down moss with fork.
6. Use a spray bottle to water your terrarium. Spraying helps increase humidity levels and is gentle on plants.
7. Use a long-handled sponge to clean dirt/debris from sides of terrarium.
8. If you would like, now is when you can add your miniature object to the terrarium.
9. Use a brush to remove any stray specks of potting mix and ensure your terrarium is clean. Small paintbrushes work well.
10. Enjoy!

### Plant Selection

Plants should:

- Have similar environmental needs
- Be small enough to fit through container opening and leaves do not touch sides of terrarium
- Do well in humid environments
- Tolerate low/indirect light

Suggestions:

- Air plants
- Tropicals
- Succulents
- Moss
- African Violet